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Our Duplin county patrons will have an opportunity of settling all their dues to the *Journal* office during next County Court week, the 3d Monday of the present month. A. L. Price will attend said Court for that purpose. We hope our friends will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet him at that time prepared to square up for old scores and renew their subscriptions.

Coal and Iron.

The Fayetteville *Observer* of Monday contains an editorial article calling attention to the great influence of coal and iron in promoting the growth and development of a State, as shown from the example of Pennsylvania, which of all the old States of the Atlantic seaboard, alone holds her own, and actually gains upon her sister States, and this owing mainly to the development of her mineral resources. Previous to such development by the construction of canals and railroads, to carry the products of the mines to market, Pennsylvania was retrograding in the scale of States. New York had passed her and was rapidly increasing her distance; even the new State of Ohio threatened to pass her at the next census. But before the time for the taking of that census had arrived, the effect of the public improvements penetrating the mining regions began to be felt; and, instead of decay and retrogression, progress became the order of the day. The census of 1850 showed that Pennsylvania had taken a fresh start and was not merely holding her own but gaining upon her rivals and competitors. With little foreign trade—little or no lake trade—no trade with the British Colonies such as Western New York enjoys, still Pennsylvania has actually, by virtue of her mineral resources, kept gaining upon the great and prosperous Empire State—gaining in relative wealth and population.—Let us hear this in mind.

Some ardent believers in the magnitude and value of our deposits of coal and iron in the Deep River country, contend that they are superior to those of Pennsylvania. Of course, much of this must be conjecture. It is enough for us to know that there are deposits there of a valuable character, and to an extent which is practically unlimited. Those best acquainted with such matters, say that these mines can be worked with profit, provided an avenue to market be supplied, and that the distance which the coal will have to be transported to a point of shipment, is not so great as to form any insuperable obstacle, not being as great as the Pennsylvania or Maryland deposits, now worked to advantage.

This is the state of the case. These deposits exist in North Carolina. They exist at a point conveniently accessible to tide water. They are awaiting development by means of slackwater or railroad, or both. Will they be developed or not? This is a question for the Legislature to answer. Individuals are not able to construct the works without the additional assistance of the Legislature.

So far as the River is concerned, if properly improved and fulfilling the ends for which its improvement is designed, it would, we think, be preferable to a railroad, inasmuch as there would be no loading or unloading between the original point of shipment on the river, at the mines, and the final shipment on board a sea-going vessel bound for any northern or southern port. We think that coal could be carried at less rates per ton on slackwater, and open river navigation, than it could on any road. But we may be mistaken, and there are certainly advantages connected with a railroad which cannot be claimed for any inland navigation.

There are undoubtedly advantages and disadvantages connected with either project—the River improvement or the Railroad. Both will, in our opinion, be eventually built, and will then pay. The Reading Railroad and the Schuylkill Canal Company, are both taxed to their utmost capacity to bring down the coal of the Schuylkill region, and both these works are enormous in their own way. The Navigation laborers under the disadvantage of being closed part of the year by ice, a disadvantage to which our work would not be subject.

We cannot but think that the especial friends of the Railroad or the Navigation will commit a great mistake if they permit themselves to be drawn into a position of antagonism, or be persuaded to run the schemes against each other as hostile and conflicting projects. No good to either, but much evil to both must be the result of such mistaken policy. Therefore do we sincerely trust that no such policy will be adopted.

We trust that we will not be understood as unfriendly to the railroad, or inclined to strike a side-blow at it, when we say that, although we desire the success of the road as well as of the navigation, yet if we felt that one or the other must be given up, and it depended upon us to say which one that should be, we would go for giving up the road rather than the river, if for no other reason, for the sufficient one that both State interest and State pride are interested in the river project. The State is already in so far that she cannot recede without loss. Her credit is involved in putting through this work, as it would certainly be humiliating for the State of North Carolina to be forced to let a company from another section of the Union take a great State work out of her hands, she having begun it. We don't believe anybody would like this work to be sold out of the hands of the State; and that must be the consequence unless the Legislature comes to the rescue.

This work, as we have before said, has been injured by a piddling, hand-to-mouth policy. The original estimate of \$185,000 was about enough to bring it decently before the public—hardly more. If a million dollars had been said at once, and everything from the first done on a proper solid foundation from the first, as it must be at the last, we believe that the work would now be paying the interest on the State debt contracted for building it, as well as affording a fair return to individual stockholders, to say nothing of the great benefits it would be conferring upon the State. The errors of the past are the results of inexperience. States, companies, and individuals have, in most cases, to buy knowledge, and pay pretty dear for it too. All hands, in this case, have had to do so. It is certainly better to make use of this costly bought experience than to spend time in ornations and recriminations. Above all it is desirable not to fall again into the errors of the past. Half doing anything is worse than not doing it at all. If the Legislature grants aid to this work it will be the dictate of wisdom and true economy to find out the full amount necessary to do it well, thoroughly and at once, or not at all. This we think all will admit.—We think it will pay to do so. We have no doubt of it.

REMOVAL OF A POSTMASTER IN ENGLAND.—It is rare that a public officer in England is removed, especially a postmaster; yet we have before us an order from the Postmaster General of England for the removal of a postmaster in the county of Kent, on no other ground than that of being discourteous to those who had business with his office.

THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE FIXED THE TOWN TAX on real estate for the ensuing year at 90 cents on the hundred dollars.

Thirty thousand passengers were carried last year by the steamships between Europe and the United States, including eastern and western passages.

The Dead of the Past Year.

Take the most favored countries, and at least one person out of forty dies every year. Out of every forty friends and acquaintances, one at least will drop from the circle. Such has been and such will be the course of events.

The great or the distinguished or the notorious persons who have gone from the stage of life, afford a fitting theme for the remarks of the editor or the reflections of the moralist. The mass of mankind are neither great nor distinguished, nor notorious; the great mass of human joy or sorrow is unknown to the public. It lies in the cool, sequestered vale of life. A passing thought, less of sorrow than of curiosity or speculation, may be awakened by the news that some distinguished individual has passed away; while in many a quiet home, for long years to come, the eyes of father or mother will fill with tears should some other its trivial word or careless allusion recall the image of the loved and lost—a little babe perhaps, unknown beyond the home enlivened once by its childish prattle, and forgotten by all save those to whom it is and always will continue to be a little child, still young and innocent, while those who have come after it have grown old, and contracted the stain that adheres to all things earthly. The little children dead within the past year will be as long remembered and as sincerely mourned as the great generals or statesmen over whose graves the tongue of lying panegyric represents nations in tears. The human heart—the natural affections assert their supremacy.

Popularity, partisanship, public favor, what you please, are strange things—good things, no doubt—necessary things. But when viewed in this connection they almost strike us as delusions, as phantasms. Not that they are so in fact, but as compared with the inner life, the home feelings of every human being who still retains his humanity. We recollect well the sensation created by the deaths of distinguished men in the United States. Two Presidents who died in office, and one shortly after his retirement—Calhoun, and others. The orator and the writer proclaimed their praises in sonorous sentences or labored periods. The pomp of public ceremonial did due honor to their memory; but who did not feel that there were certain aged ladies, the companions of their life-time, whose true heart-sorrow exceeded that of nations, or parties, or senates. The humblest man or woman, whose heart is in the right place, may be as sincerely loved in life, and as sincerely mourned in death, as the most distinguished.

Few of us have not lost some friend, even within the past year. We know that we turn to the memory of that friend lovingly and regretfully, far more from the instincts of the heart than from the recollections of the head. In looking over the 3 dead year, itself, we find that its most pleasant memories dwell with the sweet charities of life, and not with the noises or confusions or ostentations of the hour.

Congress.

We have not paid especial attention to the doings of the present session of Congress. We think the public proceedings, thus far, are very well off by Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, in a speech delivered by him on the 6th instant. The Republicans have been defeated—the people have decided against them, and in now spending their ammunition upon the President's message, they remind him of a lawyer who wished to speak in Court after his case had been decided. The Judge told him that he could not do so, whereupon the lawyer said: "I was not arguing the question, but only cursing the decision." They had been cursing the decision ever since the session commenced.

Many of the committees have been ready to report, but have not had the opportunity, owing to this somewhat interminable cursing frolic. Things will, no doubt, be hurried through enough to get along with until the next Congress assembles.

Nothing can be done with Kansas, and little need be said until the time comes for her to apply for admission into the Union as a State. The slavery discussion in Congress, therefore, amounts at present in reality to nothing more than cursing the decision.

Many projects of Pacific Railroads, etc., will be up and agitated, but none of them will pass this time, we think, from the difficulty of reconciling the claims urged by the friends of the respective routes, schemes and projects.

There is one matter rapidly rising into importance—pressing importance. The absolute necessity of reducing the revenue of the United States.

The General Government collects too much money for the economical administration of her affairs, and with an overflowing Treasury spring up all sorts of schemes for relieving it of such overflow—not all of them honest, we fear.

But while this state of things is tending to corruption in public affairs, the people are annually forced to pay something like twenty-five millions a year more than there is any need for. This is directly into the public Treasury, while no doubt they pay indirectly quite as much more by way of protection to manufacturers. A large surplus accumulated in the Treasury, is ruinous to the finances and business of the country. It will accumulate, unless the tariff be reduced or a departure be made from all just notions of economy, and the General Government be plunged into a sea of useless and unconstitutional expenditure.

There are various prospects for this reduction.—One brought forward by Mr. Campbell of Ohio, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means in the House, and another by Mr. Letcher, of Virginia, from the minority of the same committee, both proposing a revival of the tariff with a view to bring the receipts of the government within the requirements of an economical administration of its affairs, but differing in this, that Mr. Letcher proposes a purely revenue basis, while Mr. Campbell advocates "incidental" protection to manufacturers, meaning of course "incidental" discrimination against all others. We believe in Mr. Letcher's views on this subject, but hardly think that anything will be done at this short session.

It is painful to remark that even so distinguished a gentleman as his Satanic Majesty is not exempt from the lamentable degeneracy characteristic of these modern times. Once famous for fidelity to his friends—proverbial indeed for that quality, it having passed into an axiom, that "the devil is good to his own," we find that he has recently behaved quite abominably to two of his most active servants, Mr. Huntington, the New York forger, and Mr. Tucker, the Eastern Railroad defaulter. Huntington has gone to Sing Sing, and on Saturday last they convicted Tucker at Boston. Willing as we are to give the devil his due, and save his character from unjust aspersion, we can find no excuse for his unprincipled desertion of his good friends, except by assuming that in their little private intercourse with him, they had first attempted to cheat him and therefore led to his desertion of them in their extremity.

THE WEATHER IN CUBA.

A severe cold term has been experienced on the north side of Cuba, the thermometer on the 24th and 25th ult., having fallen to 49 deg. Fahrenheit. This is colder than has been known there for twenty years before.

From our Raleigh Correspondent.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

RALEIGH, Jan. 5th, 1886.

SENATE.—The following bills were read the third time and passed:

A bill to amend the charter of the Chesapeake and Potomac Rivers Company. A bill to amend the charter of the Wilmington Bank.

Mr. Myers, of Mecklenburg, by leave, introduced a bill to prevent the Clerks of the Courts from fixing the County Seals to the papers of free negroes.

Mr. Myers, of Anson, introduced a bill concerning evidence in cases of assault and battery.

A number of House bills which were noted in the common reports of last week, were read the first time.

The House bill to provide for the improvement of certain rivers in Sampson county, was rejected; Yeas 12, nays 29.

A message from the House proposing to adjourn sine die on the 26th, was concurred in, Yeas 27, nays 18.

The order of the day being the bill to re-charter the State Bank, was taken up. The bill was discussed at great length. Pending the debate, Mr. Myers of Mecklenburg, moved that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock this evening, which was adopted.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Mr. Meares presented a memorial from the citizens of Smithfield, Brunswick county, complaining of free negroes taking contracts for mechanical work, and praying protection against competition by free negroes and slaves.

Mr. Waddell introduced a resolution requesting the Judiciary Committee to enquire into the expediency of amending the 6th section 67th chapter of the Revised Code as to give justices of the peace jurisdiction to the amount of \$200, and report thereon.—Adopted.

Mr. Bledsoe, a bill to raise a sinking fund. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pearson, a bill to incorporate the town of Barnville, Yancey county.

Mr. Richardson, a bill to amend 1st section 17th chapter of the Revised Code, concerning militia.

Mr. Hill, of Stokes, a bill to incorporate the Salem and Georgetown Railroad Company.

Mr. Hill, of Halifax, moved a resolution he had given notice of be taken up and read. It provides that the House shall each day take a recess from 1 to 3 o'clock, and then meet for the despatch of business, to commence on Monday after Wednesday next.

Mr. Scott moved to amend by inserting 2 o'clock, instead of 1. Mr. Settle moved to strike out all and insert "adjourn at 3 o'clock." After some debate, the question was put on Mr. Settle's amendment, and was rejected. Yeas 32, nays 73.

Mr. Scott's amendment was adopted. Yeas 40, nays 10.

Mr. Gilliam obtained leave to introduce a "substitute" for a bill introduced by him, concerning masters and clerks in equity. This bill provides, as these offices fall vacant, their duties shall be transferred to the Clerks of the Supreme Court.

On motion of Mr. Scott, a resolution was adopted prohibiting all debate upon motions to meet day to day, and upon motions concerning the priority of bills and resolutions.

Mr. Jenkins moved a message be sent to the Senate proposing that both Houses shall adjourn, sine die, on the 26th inst.

On the 26th inst. a resolution in suits of law was taken up. This bill, amongst other changes, allows plaintiff and defendant to be examined on oath in open Court. It passed its second reading. Yeas 55, nays 38.

A message was received from the Senate, concurring in the proposition to adjourn, sine die, on the 26th inst.

A bill concerning the dower of widows was rejected.

A bill to divide Chatham county was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to repeal the 6th section 36th chapter of the Revised Code, making it penal to pass one and two dollar notes, passed its second reading. Yeas 65, nays 3.

The House then adjourned.

RALEIGH, Jan. 6, 1887.

SENATE.—Mr. Eaton offered a resolution that the Judiciary Committee enquire into what is a public and what is a private corporation.

The message from the House respecting the election of Trustees for the University was laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the town of Columbus, Polk county, passed its second and third readings.

A bill authorizing certain free negroes to reside in the State, on motion of Mr. Person, was taken up and put on its second reading. Mr. Pool advocated the passage of the bill. Mr. Mills moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was adopted.—Yeas 25, nays 15.

The special order of the day being a bill to repeal sections 6th, 6th and 7th, chapter 36, of the Revised Code in relation to small notes, Mr. W. H. Thomas wished to amend the amendments offered by the Committee, and, therefore, moved to strike out the words "of the Banks of the State," Yeas 25, nays 21.

The question being then on the amendments "that so much of the 6th section (see 36th chapter) as prohibited the reception and passage of notes under \$5 be repealed." The amendment was adopted—Yeas 36, nays 9. The bill as amended passed its second reading—Yeas 33, nays 13.

The Senate then adjourned.

[The debate on re-chartering the Bank of the State, in yesterday afternoon's session, was adjourned without coming to a decision.]

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—On motion of Mr. Humphreys, a message was sent to the Senate proposing to go into an election for five Trustees for the University, at half past 11 o'clock. Adopted; Yeas 48, nays 3.

Mr. Baxter, from the select committee, reported back the Peoples Bank bill with amendments, and a proposition to print. Adopted.

Mr. White, of Cabarrus, a resolution concerning the Commissioners of the Revenue.

The following bills were introduced, read and referred:

Mr. McIntosh, a resolution authorizing the Literary Board to loan a sum not exceeding \$5,000 to the United Baptist Institute, Taylorsville. Mr. Jenkins, a bill to more effectively prevent the killing of cattle, stock, &c., on Railroads. Mr. Reeves, a bill to amend 3d sec. 69th chap. of the Revised Code, concerning members of Congress. Mr. Thompson, a bill for the completion of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. Mr. Clarke, a bill concerning County Courts, granting licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors. Mr. Sharpe, a bill to admit negro testimony against persons accused of exciting insurrection, &c. Mr. Jennett, a bill to authorize the citizens of Hyde County to erect a monument on the site of the battle of the completion of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. Mr. Jenkins, the bill to establish a new County by the name of Graham, was indefinitely postponed—Yeas 65, nays 46.

A bill to authorize Banks to issue notes under the value of five dollars, ones, twos, threes and fours.—Mr. Badham moved to postpone indefinitely. This brought on a long debate upon the merits of the proposition; the motion to postpone was lost—Yeas 39, nays 61.

Mr. Elliott moved an amendment, prohibiting the circulation of notes issued out of the State. This was objected to as oppressive to the border counties, where South Carolina notes were in circulation, it was rejected—Yeas 50, nays 61.

An amendment by Mr. Gilliam, providing the profits arising from lost or destroyed notes, be transferred to the State, and an amendment to the same by Mr. Ward, was rejected. Mr. Gilliam then moved that all small notes should be redeemed in silver change by the Banks. An amendment by Mr. Elliott to insert "gold and Spanish coin" being rejected. Mr. Gilliam's amendment was adopted—Yeas 62, nays 45. The House then adjourned.

RALEIGH, Jan. 7, 1887.

SENATE.—The bill to extend on taxation, and fix the rate of interest on the coupon bonds of the N. C. Railroad, was read the second and third times and passed.

A message was received from the House, proposing to enter on an election for University Trustees at 12 o'clock. Mr. Dockery spoke against the proposition until 12 o'clock, when the Speaker announced the order of the day to be the bill to build a Railroad from Greensboro' to Danville. On motion of Mr. Hill, the order was postponed until to-morrow. Mr. Hill addressed the Senate in reply to Mr. Dockery, and congratulated the gentleman on his lately acquired honor for night caucuses and dark-lantern caucuses.

The Democratic party nominated the man of their preference for office, but did not award their men to vote for them as his party did. Mr. Hill alluded in severe terms to the Know-Nothing party. Mr. Dockery interrupted Mr. Hill and defended the American party, and asked the Senator who ought to govern America? Mr. Hill replied—the Democratic party, which is the true American party. Mr. Dockery would not be guided by party nominations in the matter of Trustees for the University. Mr. W. H. Thomas was willing to compromise and elect two Americans and three Democrats. Mr. Hill asked the Senator if he would vote for those two if he knew they were from a sworn conspiracy? Mr. W. H. Thomas thought the question was nothing to do with the subject under discussion. After some remarks from Messrs. Wiggins and Poole, Mr. Houston defended the Democratic party from the charges brought against it. Mr. Wilder moved to lay the message on the table, which was adopted. Mr. Hill moved a message be sent to the House proposing to enter on an election for Trustees. A motion to adjourn being rejected, Mr. Hill's motion prevailed, and the message was sent.

A bill to incorporate the Hyde County Steamboat Company, was read the first time.

The bill authorizing the Public Treasurer to subscribe for stock in the North and South Carolina Railroad Company, was taken up. On motion of Mr. Pearson, an amendment was adopted, giving the Company five years longer to pay the bonds held against it by this State, the interest to be paid annually.—Thus amended, the bill passed its second and third readings.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Mr. Hill of Halifax, from the Committee on Corporation and Currency, reported a bill requiring all Banks to make their reports to the Public Treasurer on the 1st of May and November each year.

Mr. Badham, moved his resolution be adopted, prohibiting the introduction of bills after the 12th inst. After some debate the resolution was rejected—Yeas 42, nays 58.

Mr. Badham, offered a resolution that the members shall not receive any per diem after the 26th inst. On motion of Mr. Reeves a message was sent to the Senate proposing to go into an election for University Trustees, at 12 o'clock, adopted—Yeas 51, nays 41.

The following bills were introduced, read and referred:

Mr. Holmes, a bill to require the inspection and weighing of Cotton and Wheat. Mr. Jones, a bill exempting the overseers of roads from Military duty.

Mr. Mason, a bill to incorporate the Garysburg and Windsor Railroad Company.

The debate was resumed on the bill repealing the act prohibiting the issue of small notes.

An amendment by Mr. Mann, imposing a tax of 1 of 1 per cent, was rejected—Yeas 26, nays 44.

After much debating, three amendments by Mr. Baxter were adopted. The first, limiting the issue of small notes to 10 per cent on the capital. The second, making all notes payable at any branch, in gold and silver; and the third amendment provides for the General Assembly recalling the privilege of issuing small notes at any future period.

Mr. Baxter introduced another amendment—that the Banks of Cape Fear, Wilmington and Clarendon, be authorized to participate in the benefits of the bill, unless they gave up certain clauses in their charters, exempting them from more than 1 per cent tax on their shares. This amendment met with considerable opposition.

An amendment by Mr. Hill of Halifax, (including all Banks) was rejected—Yeas 38, nays 72. Mr. Baxter's amendment was adopted.

Mr. Elliott offered an amendment repealing the 6th and 7th sections, 26th chapter of the Revised Code, which prohibited the Public Treasurer from receiving notes of Banks issuing notes of less than \$5. Mr. Elliott spoke at length in support of the bill, and Mr. Hill of Halifax, against it. Mr. Outlaw spoke strongly against the principle embraced in the bill.

The bill passed its second reading—Yeas 51, nays 53.

A bill incorporating a Military Company in Wilmington, was read the first time.

The House then adjourned.

Moore's Creek Monument.

The Committee appointed by the meeting of citizens at Moore's Creek, on the 27th of February last, met at the Court House, in Wilmington, at 11 o'clock A. M., on the 6th inst.

Present—Dr. Frederick J. Hill, Chairman; N. N. Nixon; John P. Moore; Col. John McRae; T. H. Ashe; Dr. P. M. Walker; Daniel Shaw.

The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to take immediate action to raise funds necessary for the erection of a suitable monument on the ground where the Battle of Moore's Creek was fought, on the 27th of February, 1776.

Mr. Hill moved that the Committee be authorized to raise funds for the erection of a suitable monument on the ground where the Battle of Moore's Creek was fought, on the 27th of February, 1776, and of the important effects resulting therefrom upon the successful termination of our Revolutionary struggle.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the time has now arrived when it is the duty of the people of this State to erect a monument on the site of the Battle of Moore's Creek, to give all who desire to do so an opportunity of contributing to the erection of said monument; and at the same time they deem it indispensable that at least the corner-stone should be laid at the meeting on the 27th inst.

Resolved, That three be appointed to make arrangements for commencing the work on that day, and that they obtain plans for a Monument, to cost about \$5,000, and submit the same at that time.

The Chairman appointed under the first resolution the following committees, who are respectively referred to the Secretary of this meeting, to meet on or before the 27th of February next, to wit:

New Hanover County.—Owen Fennell, Jas. Kerr, James P. Moore, Owen Alderman, John Eaken, R. L. Bordeaux, John Jones, W. S. Larkins, D. McIntire, W. J. Hand, John D. Powers, Lott Crook, Daniel Shaw, John Shepard, John Howard, Joseph M. Foy, Reuben Jones, John A. Sanders, R. S. Bessy, E. Porter, J. G. Pickett, W. S. Pridgen, Chas. Hay.

Duplin County.—Isaac B. Kelly, Harget Kornegay, Grady Outlaw, W. R. Ward, Edward Armstrong, O. R. Kennan, Zach. Smith Jr., A. O. Grady, Dr. James H. Hicks, Henry B. Hurst.

Lenoir County.—Thomas Wooten, Jackson Pollock, Pinkney Hargis, John F. Hewitt, John C. Washington, Jno. H. Jackson, Jno. H. Peoples, Alexander Rouse, Whitfield Grady, Aretas Jones.

Wayne County.—W. K. Lane, J. J. Baker, W. T. Dorth, William Robinson, John V. Sherard, Lewis Whitfield, John D. Pearsall, John Wright, Wm. Caraway, H. R. Nixon.

Sampson County.—Dr. Wm. McKoy, Dr. Thomas Bunting, Wm. Faison, John R. Beaman, Richard C. Holmes, W. T. Kirby, J. P. Tredwell, P. Murphy, Charles Harrison, A. Monk.

Cumberland County.—James Banks, E. J. Hale, Gen. John Winslow, J. McKethan, John Elliott, Col. A. S. McNeil, David Murphy, John C. Blocker.

On motion, the Chairman appointed the following committees to make arrangements for the celebration of the next anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek, to wit: Hon. W. S. Ashe, John L. Rouse, Dr. F. J. Hill, and George Davis.

On motion, the Chairman appointed the following gentlemen a committee of correspondence, to wit: A. J. Grady, Thomas H. Ashe, Dr. P. M. Walker, Col. John McKoy.

On motion, the Chairman appointed the following gentlemen a committee to make suitable arrangements on the battle ground at Moore's Creek, for the cele-

bration at the next anniversary, to wit: Dr. F. J. Simpson, Dr. McDuffie, Alfred M. Moore, John D. Simpson, Dr. J. H. Hays, Edmund A. Hays, Henry Colvin, John H. Murphy, Henry Moore, Daniel McAllister, Joseph E. Lewis, Joel L. Moore, John F. Moore, C. W. Murphy, John Jones, Thos. H. Williams.

Resolved, That the names of A. J. Grady, W. T. J. Van, and Dr. J. D. Bellamy, be added to the general committee of arrangements.

Resolved, That the papers of the town be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting, and that all other papers in the State are hereby requested to copy the same.

A. J. GRADY, Secretary.

WILMINGTON, N. C., 8th January, 1857.

The meeting of the citizens, called last evening, for the purpose of taking into consideration the present condition of the Cape Fear and Deep River Improvement, was organized by the appointment of O. G. Parsley, Mayor, Chairman, and Jos. H. Flanner and Donald MacRae as Secretaries.

The Mayor stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of manifesting an interest in the improvement, and to take such steps as might be deemed necessary to ensure its speedy and successful completion.

The subject was fully discussed by various persons present, and statements made as to the present condition of the works, the great value of the coal deposits and other resources, and their immense value to the town, and the State generally, and of the business persons deeply interested were absent from town, it was deemed best not to take any action then. It was, therefore, on motion of P. K. Dickinson, Esq.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Dr. F. J. Hill, Jas. Cassiday, Esq., and Judge Pearson, be appointed to prepare a report to be submitted to an adjourned meeting to be held this (Thursday) evening, at the Court House.

No further business offering, on motion the meeting adjourned to meet again in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

O. G. PARSLEY, Mayor, Ch'n.

Jos. H. FLANNER, Secretary.

Don. MACRAE, Secretary.

Terrible Accident.—The Wife of Judge Daniels Burnt to Death!

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A most shocking accident occurred here last night, by which the wife of Judge Daniels, of the United States Supreme Court, was burnt to death.

The Judge and his wife had just returned from a party to his residence in Franklin square, and had gone to bed in the library. Mrs. Daniels repaired to her sleeping room and commenced dressing preparatory to retiring for the night. Being very near-sighted, she did not perceive a candle sitting on the hearth, or the flames which communicated to her clothes, until they completely enveloped her. She then ran to her room, shrieking for assistance, but her husband only took her to the dining room, and there supposed she also inhaled the fire. Before effectual assistance could be rendered, the unfortunate lady was burnt almost to a crisp, and died after eight hours' intense suffering. She was an estimable lady, about 35 years of age. Her terrible death has caused much regret among her large circle of friends and the community at large. Much sympathy is felt on all hands for the Judge in this his sad bereavement.

One statement says that Mrs. Daniels was in her night dress when she caught fire. Another is that she

Brown, for Lockwood's Ferry, by Win-
 mont, Elliott, for Norfolk, Va., by Kid-
 number.
 Spray, Price, for Smithville, by A H
 range, Burch, for Baltimore, by Russell
 ores, &c.
 Jones, Tatem, for Baltimore, by Geo

The Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation and the Fayetteville and Western Railroad.
We regret to find in the *North Carolinian* a bitter attack upon the Cape Fear and Deep River Improvement. We do not pretend to say that something has not been wrong about that work. That it has been the victim of miscalculation, mismanagement—mismanagement you please, we suppose must be admitted; at any rate, it is not denied. We have done our best to stir up those interested to find out exactly where the wrong is, so that we cannot be accused of acting under desire to have anything smothered up or concealed.

But that is one thing. Hostility to the work is another; and that hostility to the work, *per se*, does exist, is perfectly evident from the tone of the article in the *North Carolinian*. There is no mistaking the animus of that article.

Now this is deeply to be regretted. With the private feelings of men or bodies of men towards this or that work we have nothing to do; at any rate, we have nothing now to say. It is their own business. This we will say, however, that the worst way in the world to promote your own interests is to make attacks upon the interests of others. The worst way in the world to secure the passage of any appropriation for the Coal Mine Road, is through attacks upon the Deep River Improvement, as an improvement, and this we suppose has something to do with the "slashing" criticism of the latter work by the *North Carolinian*. It may be thought that the navigation stands somewhat in the way of the road, and that if the former were knocked in the head, the latter would be bound to go through. We think this is a somewhat mistaken idea.

Let us not be misunderstood. We are for cloaking over nothing in connection with the river. Our course has shown that. We are in favor of a road to the Coal Mines, as we have honestly avowed a dozen times, although the *Observer* will have it that we are aiming "side-blows," etc., at the latter work, in all which the *Observer* is very much mistaken. We are really friendly to the work—we really believe also that the Cape Fear and Deep River can be made available, and that it ought not to be abandoned at this late date of the day.

There is no question that the original estimates for the river improvement were ridiculously inadequate. That ought to have been evident from the very beginning, to any engineer familiar with such work.—There is a little doubt that great loss has resulted from the cobbling system of underestimating, by which system of mistaken economy, work was only half-done, and experience shows that work so done had better never been touched. We admit this, but amid all the fusses and confusions, the fact remains, and is now manifest, that for an adequate sum to do the work well, the work can be well done, and that so done, the money expended will be well bestowed. A great work cannot be done for nothing. This is a great work. It is worth doing as a great work. It will produce a result commensurate with all proper expenditures necessary to carry it on as it ought to be carried on.

We are sorry that our contemporary of the *North Carolinian* repeats a sneer about Northern engineers, etc.—a sneer which has come from another quarter against the Wilmington Stockholders in the River Improvement. Those who live in glass houses, are proverbially stopped from throwing stones, and surely the Coal Mine Road and its friends are somewhat in this condition. If we were inclined to retort about Northern engineers, we need only mention the names of Colby & Smith, and others. But we desire to awaken neither land thoughts nor unpleasant feelings. These come enough—too many of them. Let us rather put aside bickerings, and look the thing in the face. There are many inaccuracies in the article of the *North Carolinian*, but to these we need not now allude.

If it were possible to abolish New Year's Day and the fuss preceding and succeeding it, we should be among the warmest advocates of the innovation.—Bryant may talk about Autumn, and say that *then* "The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year," but Bryant knows nothing about it and never did and never will so long as he persists in such a notorious nonsense. This week just about closing is the confoundest year in all the fifty-two weeks and a day which the year contains, and a few such weeks would make us cross—a thing not so easy to do.

We don't pretend to make a readable paper during such times, and if we did, we would simply be guilty of obtaining readers under false pretenses. Every body appears to us to be as busy as a bee in a gale of wind, and as cross as a bear with a sore head, at which we do not wonder. Every body goes for himself and we suppose the Lord for us all, although it is more like as though somebody else had most to do with the human temper just now. Did you or any of you ever see, hear, feel, understand, or think about such a miserable, crawling, creeping, ugly, raw, chilly, mean weather? It is no doubt reasonable and right, but isn't it awful? We'll get over the blues shortly and spread ourselves like a young lay horse, but not this week.—*Daily Journal*, 3d inst.

Wonders will never cease, neither ought anything to be deemed impossible. A New York jury has convicted Huntington, the great forger, and a New York Judge has sentenced him to the full term allowed by law.

There are those who rather wonder at this, after the long list of Wall street robbers that have gone unwhipped of justice. Huntington had good counsel, who thought him crazy, and he had done things on a magnificent scale—was, in fact, a fashionable rascal, and still was convicted. Tell it not in Gath, Huntington, we think, must have lived too fast. He ought to have secured something solid. A few thousands properly distributed don't bribe anybody, but they influence public opinion. Huntington must have been rather short of funds. We do not know how else to solve the difficulty.

Our young friend, B. W. Sanders, Esq., has become associate Editor of the Commercial of this place, and makes his bow to the public this morning in a very well-written "salutatory." We have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Sanders for some time, and during the recent canvass published some communications from his pen, which gave evidence of decided ability. We take pleasure in extending to him a hearty welcome, both as a friend and co-laborer in the Democratic cause. We have no doubt but that he will do good service, and form a valuable accession to the Democratic corps editorial.

According to usage, the inauguration of Gov. Bragg took place yesterday at Raleigh, in presence of both Houses. We do not know that any law requires the public ceremony, but custom has sanctioned it, and it is proper to surround the assumption or re-assumption of executive duties by all decent and proper solemnities.

We question if there was a very full attendance of the members of the Legislature on the 1st. Some had gone one way and some another, and few expected any business to be done this week. We presume that all hands will get under way to do business by about Monday next.—*Daily Journal*, 2d inst.

Net amount in U. S. Treasury on the 22d ult. \$22,012,212 58.

The report of the Inspector of Flour at Fayetteville, shows the number of barrels inspected there during the year just closed to have been 13,167, a decrease from the inspections of the preceding year of 5,549.

The accounts by the Steamer Fulton say that Spain and Prussia are likely to go to war. Why should Spain and Prussia go to war? They have no common aspirations and therefore no rivalries.—Their territories don't touch each other at any point, and they have, neither of them, either navies or shipping worth naming. How can they fight unless they go into a war of proclamations?

Four days later from Europe.
New York, Jan. 31.—The steamship Fulton, from Havre and Southampton 17th instant, has arrived. The steamship Hermann had put back to Southampton in a damaged condition.

The steamship Niagara, from Boston and Halifax, arrived at Liverpool on the 14th, and the City of Washington, from Philadelphia, on the 16th. There is no confirmation of the report of the arrival of the captain and fifteen of the passengers by the *Lyonnaise* at Bordeaux.

Hostilities are threatened between Spain and Prussia. Persia formally accepts the English declaration of war. The British have taken the islands of Ormus and Kanaek, in the Persian Gulf.

The Russians have taken Sojok-Kaleh, after a desperate battle on the part of the Circassians. The steamship Washington touched at Southampton on the 14th inst. en route for Bremen.

The Hermann put back to Southampton on the 14th inst., with a broken shaft. Her mails and passengers were transferred to the Fulton.

The Arctic exploring ship *Resolute* was at Cowes. She had been visited by Queen Victoria, accompanied by the royal family, the American officers in port, and a large number of distinguished personages. All the American officers who went out in the *Resolute* have been invited to the Queen's palace in the Isle of Wight.

The marriage of Prince Frederick of Prussia with the Princess Royal of England was fixed for the 21st November next. The Duke of Assane, Spanish envoy extraordinary to Russia, arrived at St. Petersburg on the 9th inst.

Navigation of the Baltic was reopened on the 14th December. The English funds remained unaffected by the heaviness on the Paris Bourse, and closed on the 16th at a recovery of an eighth. Foreign securities were steady. French Treasuries closed on the 16th at 66f. for money—a decline of two per cent. during the month.

Just before the Fulton left Havre a telegraphic dispatch was received from Bordeaux that the rumored arrival there of the captain and fifteen passengers of the *Lyonnaise* was untrue.

Several mail steamers from Liverpool for Southampton had put back, damaged during the recent violent gales, which had been very destructive. The London Times pronounced President Pierce's message "as a whole, conciliatory both in matter and manner."

The re-assembling of the Congress of Paris is fixed for the 25th of December. It was believed that the difficulties concerning the issue of Serpents and Bolognais would be arranged.

The quarrel between Spain and Prussia had gone so far that it was feared the next step would be open hostilities. Milano, who attempted to assassinate the King of Naples, had been hanged.

Later from Europe.
New York, Jan. 31.—The steamship Niagara, from Liverpool dates to the 20th December, arrived last night.

From our Raleigh Correspondent.
NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

RALEIGH, Dec. 31st, 1886.
No quorum in the Senate to-day.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—The following bills were introduced, read, and appropriately referred: Mr. Stewart, a bill concerning the school fund of Harnett county. Mr. Houck, a bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish in Branch Creek, Rowan county. Mr. Houck, a bill to amend 85th section 34th chapter of the Revised Code, concerning trading with negroes. Mr. Banbury, a bill concerning State bonds. Mr. Houck, a substitute for a bill introduced by him, concerning placing obstructions on Railroads. This bill enacts that any person convicted of placing obstructions on Railroads, shall receive thirty-nine lashes; but if loss of life or limb occur, he shall suffer death.

The following bills were read the second time, and the rules being suspended, passed their third reading: A bill to lay off a road to the town of Marshall, in Madison county. A bill to authorize Plank Road and Turnpike Companies to use stone and gravel in the repairs of their roads.

Mr. Slaughter's message was sent to the Senate, proposing to enter into an election for Attorney General, to supply the vacancy caused by Mr. Bachelor's resignation. Election being made, the House voted—yeas 35, nays 19.

The Speaker stated that there was no quorum present. Mr. Love moved a call of the House, which was adopted. Yeas 31, nays 20. Pending the call, Mr. Baxter moved a suspension, when the Speaker decided the House could transact no business, and declared the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SENATE.—The Senate assembled at 11 o'clock. Mr. Boyd introduced a resolution to change the time of meeting of the Legislature, in order to terminate the session on or about Christmas. Laid on the table.

A message was received from the House proposing to enter on the election of Attorney General to fill the unexpired term of J. B. Bachelor, which was read, and Mr. Hill nominated W. H. Bailey of Orange.

Mr. Wilder introduced a bill to incorporate the Raleigh Savings Institution. A message was received from the House with a bill to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Western Plank Road Company, with an amendment. Which was concurred in.

A number of engrossed bills from the House were read the first time, which will be noticed as they pass their second reading.

At 12 o'clock the Senate left their chamber to be present in the Commons Hall at the inauguration of His Excellency the Governor. On their return the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—The following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate Committees: Mr. Love, a bill to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of Greenhill Female Academy. Mr. Rumley, a bill to amend the 38th sec. 85th chap. of the Revised Code, concerning Pilots. Mr. Seales, a bill to amend 86th sec. 7th chap. of the Revised Code, concerning Asylums. Mr. Kushing, a bill to discharge unjust and malicious prosecutions. Mr. Elliott, a bill to charter Mount Olivet Academy, Randolph County.

Mr. Eller, a bill to aid in the construction of a public road in Wilkes County. It appropriates \$300 for that purpose.

Mr. Slaughter renewed his motion of yesterday, concerning the election of Attorney General, which being adopted, a message was accordingly sent to the Senate.

The following bills were read the second time, and the rules being suspended, they were read the third time and passed: A bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish in Notley River. After a few remarks from Mr. Stiles the bill passed. On motion of Mr. Houck, the bill appointing a special Magistrate for Rowan County, residing in Salisbury, was passed. A bill to prohibit Inspectors of Naval Stores to buy or sell stores on Commission. A bill to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish in Grant's Creek, Rowan County.

A message was received from the Senate concurring in the proposition to elect an Attorney General for the remainder of Mr. Bachelor's term, and nominating W. H. Bailey of Orange, for that office. Mr. Waugh nominated Mr. Jenkins, but afterwards withdrew it at Mr. Jenkins request, Henry W. Miller of Wake was then put in nomination. The House proceeded to vote.

Female College, Anson County. Mr. Elliott, a bill to amend the time of entering bids to vacant lands. Mr. Elliott, a bill to alter the time of meeting of the General Assembly: It proposes to meet on the 4th Monday in December. Mr. Gentry, a bill to provide for the construction and repairs of public roads.

Mr. Tate, a bill to amend the 4th sec. 31st chap. of the Revised Code. This bill makes such alteration in the wording of the section as to authorize the shipping masters of the port of Wilmington to issue warrants for the arrest of deserters from vessels in said port, as was originally intended to be enacted.

Mr. Waddell, a bill to incorporate the town of Albemarle, Stanly County. Mr. Pickett, a bill to prohibit the poisoning of fish.

The resolution in favor of B. H. Stanmire was taken up. The resolution gives him \$7,175 as compensation for certain lands granted for revolutionary services. A lengthy debate ensued. On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the above sum was stricken out, and amount allowed by the majority report of the committee, \$4,000 with interest, moved to be inserted, which was rejected.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the resolution, when Mr. Hackney moved to insert \$6,500 with interest, rejected. Finally the resolution passed the second reading, allowing \$2,160 with sixty acres of land at present in his possession. The House then adjourned.

SENATE.—Mr. Hill introduced a bill to incorporate the town of Yanceyville. Mr. Bryant, a bill to alter the County line between Surry and Ashe County.

The following bills passed their third reading: A bill to incorporate Jonathan's Creek Turnpike Company. A bill concerning the examination of mines in certain cases.

A bill to lay off a new County by the name of Allegheny was made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The bill to prevent the felling of timber in Enos and other rivers, passed its second reading. The bill requiring those using rail-road Companies to give notice to the President, was lost on its second reading, also, a bill for the benefit of creditors of deceased insolvents.

The bill to incorporate the North Carolina Gas and Transportation Company, passed its second and third readings.

A bill to incorporate the Town of Rockingham, Richmond County, passed its second and third readings.

The bill to amend the act incorporating the Bank of Wilmington, with three amendments, passed its second reading.

A bill to extend the charter of New Garden Boarding School, was read the second and third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Warren Female College, was read second time, and at a later period passed its third reading with an amendment by Mr. Eaton.

A bill to emancipate a slave of Daniel Shaver was lost by yeas 8, nays 25.

A number of bills were informally passed over. The Senate then adjourned.

From the Raleigh Standard.
Inauguration of Gov. Bragg.

On Thursday, the 1st, in the Commons Hall, in the presence of the members of both Houses of the General Assembly, and a large concourse of persons of both sexes, Gov. Bragg took and subscribed the oath of office for his second term. A few moments before twelve o'clock, the members of the Senate, headed by their Speaker and Clerks, entered the Commons chamber. Mr. Speaker Shepherd and the members of the Commons rose to receive them. Mr. Speaker Avery, of the Senate, taking a seat to the right of Mr. Shepherd. Soon after, Gov. Bragg, attended by the committee of the two Houses, and by the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court, entered the hall, the members rising to receive them.

Mr. Speaker Avery then, in due form, proclaimed Thomas Bragg the Governor elect for two years from and after the 1st of January, 1887; and the paths of office were administered by Chief Justice Nathanial Jones Gov. Bragg delivered in an impressive manner the following very appropriate address:—

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Commons: Two years ago it was my fortune to appear before you and give the pledges of fidelity required of a Governor entering upon the discharge of the duties of Chief Executive Officer of the State. The time for which I had then been elected has expired.

I may hardly be becoming in my now to speak of my past official course. My fellow citizens of all political parties will judge of that, and from my knowledge of them, I confidently believe they will do it, not only with candor, but kindly.

When no doubt, have been committed by me. I claim no exemption from the weakness incident in a greater or less degree to us all, and trust that I am sensible, to some extent at least, of my own imperfections in particular. All I ask of them is, to believe that I have been actuated by honest purposes, and that in no occasion, endeavoring to do the honor and dignity of the State, and to advance their welfare and prosperity, so far as I had power to do it, within the scope of my official authority.

A majority of my fellow-citizens have re-elected me Governor of the State. Indebted to them as I was before, for the generous confidence reposed in me, when I came to the helm, I am now more deeply indebted to them, for the confidence they have placed in me, and my gratitude for their decided support, after they had had an opportunity, to some extent, of passing upon my official conduct.

It is under these circumstances that I appear before you to-day to renew the pledges of official fidelity heretofore given; and if I enter upon the discharge of my official duties for a second term, not with entire confidence, I shall do so with alacrity, feeling assured that my official acts, whatever they may be, will be fairly and impartially passed upon by all, and that any errors, if any, will at least meet with the candid indulgence of those whose cool opinion and support I have heretofore been so fortunate as to secure.

We enter to-day upon another year—whether it is to be one of weal or woe for our country and our State, is known only to Him who rules and directs the destinies of nations.

Though the prospect before us is not one of calm unbroken brightness, and fragments of the storm-clouds which but lately overhung the land still float in our political horizon, yet they have ceased for the time to threaten us with danger or to excite our immediate apprehensions. These indications may be delusive, but I have persuaded myself that there is a calmer, a better, a more tolerant spirit abroad in the country. Our people have profited by the breathing time they have had since the late struggle through which they have passed. Educated in self-government, they have, on several occasions, been able to withstand excitements which would have proved fatal to other institutions than theirs, and have triumphed over dangers which seemed almost insurmountable.

To those unacquainted with the character of our people, these excitements appeared like upheavings from the great deep of society. Time has proved that they were but as the tempest tossed ocean waves, agitating the surface, while below all was tranquil and untroubled.

While taking this hopeful view of affairs, I am not unaware of the fact that many regard the present apparent calm as deceptive—a mere lull in the storm, which is destined at no distant day to burst upon us with renewed violence.

However, this may be, it is now the duty of every citizen to endeavor to allay the excitement, abating at the same time none of our rights, but firmly and unflinchingly sustaining them, as the surest means of their preservation and of perpetuating that Union and those institutions, under which we have, in a short time, grown to be one of the great powers of the earth.

Simple and unostentatious as are the ceremonies to-day, we have here represented the three departments of our State government—the Executive, the Legislative, and those who compose our Supreme Judicial tribunal. We have all of us, distinct but important duties to discharge.

You are all as the exclusive law-making power of the State.

In the progress of events, these duties have become more varied and important than formerly, and therefore requiring more time for their dispatch.—As the resources of the State are brought to notice to increase rather than to diminish, the scope of our legislation to be widened and extended.

On being asked what he had to say why judgment should not be passed against him, he replied, in a firm voice, "Nothing." Judge Capron said that under no circumstances could he postpone sentence. He would be glad to do so if he could. But what he did in the case of Willis Conley he would have to do in the present instance. His feelings would indeed lead him to suspend judgment, not only in this instance, but in others. Yet, when a person of no standing, socially or morally, was arraigned for crime, with no one to say a word for him, it was considered no wrong to sentence him at once. And still, ignorant people, those without position, were not so kind to him in his present position, as those who were in better of circumstances, and in a far higher station in life. Taking this into consideration, he could not postpone sentence; neither could he pronounce less than the full sentence of the law. A shorter term of punishment than that prescribed by the statute would not meet the requirements of the law. Yet, as the law required that the prisoner should leave prison within certain months of the year, the full term of five years could not be imposed. The sentence of the court, therefore, was, that the prisoner be confined in the State Prison for the term of four years and ten months.

The jury were out a little more than four hours. At their first ballot there were nine votes for conviction, two for acquittal on the ground of insanity, and one for an unqualified acquittal. After four hours' deliberation and investigation of the evidence, they agreed on a verdict of guilty. Their failure to agree was confidently expected, and many bets were made that they would be discharged last night, at the expiration of Judge Capron's term of office, without coming to a verdict.

The Hudson's Bay Company and Red River Settlement. We are enabled to make the following extracts from a work (in press) on "Minnesota and the proposed Territory of Daotah," by C. C. Andrews, Esq., which is soon to be published by R. Farnham, of Washington.

The settlement is seventy miles north of Pembina, and lies on both sides of the river. Its population is estimated at 10,000. It owes its origin to the enterprise and success of the Hudson's Bay Company. Many of the settlers came from Scotland, but the most were from Canada. They speak English and Canadian French. The English style of society is well kept up, in the matter of education, with its bishop, the trader with his wise counsel, the scholar with his library, the officer with his sinecure, or their paper currency. They have a judge who gets a good house to live in, and £1,000 sterling a year; but he has nothing of consequence to do. He was formerly a leading lawyer in Canada.

The great business of the country, of course, is the fur-trade. An immense amount of buffalo skins is taken in the summer and autumn, while in the winter smaller but more valuable furs are procured. The Indians also enlist in the hunt; and it is estimated that upwards of \$200,000 worth of furs are annually taken from our territory and sold to the Hudson's Bay Company.

The Hudson's Bay Company is now a powerful monopoly. So magnificent and potent as the East India Company, it is still a powerful combination, showering opulence on its members, and reflecting a peculiar feature in the strength and grandeur of the British Empire—a power which, in the elegant language of Daniel Webster, "has dotted over the whole surface of the globe with her possessions and military posts—whose morning drum-beat follows the sun and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth daily with one continuous and unbroken chain of majestic music."

The company is growing richer every day, and its jurisdiction and its lands will soon find an availability never dreamed of by its founders, unless, as may possibly happen, popular sovereignty steps in to grasp the fruits of its long apprenticeship.

Sometime ago I believe the Canadian sought to annex this broad expanse of their own jurisdiction. There are about two hundred men in the Hudson's Bay Company. The charter gives them the power to legislate for the settlement. They have many persons in their employ in England as well as in British America. A clerk after serving the company ten years, with a salary of about \$500 per annum, is considered a high position, with the right to vote in the deliberations of the company and one share in the profits. The profits of a share last year amounted to \$10,000. A factor of the company, after serving ten years, is entitled to membership with the profits of two shares. The aristocracy of the settlement consist principally of retired factors and other members of the Hudson's Bay Company, who have acquired considerable fortunes, and live in a very comfortable manner. Two of the company's ships sail up into Hudson's Bay every year to bring merchandise to the settlement and take away furs.

FERNANDINA AND CEDAR KEYS RAILROAD.—We find the following announcement in the Jacksonville News of Saturday, the 20th ult: "We are announced recently by the Florida Railroad Company and purchased from them the right of way for their road. We learn now from reliable authority, that this company have closed a contract for the balance of the iron (8,004 tons) necessary to carry them to Cedar Keys, delivery to commence in March at the rate of 1,000 to 1,500 tons per month."

This is an important announcement to our friends in the interior, as it insures the completion of this road at an early day."

AFFECTING DEATH-SCENE.—"Ah! Augustus," said a voice from the Marseilles quilt and frilled pillow-case, "I shall die before morning. My feet and limbs are getting cold and nervous!—I shall be dead by day-break!"

"Don't trouble yourself about it," replied Augustus, with a calm and unobtrusive smile. "I have no doubt but that you will live to see me, Augustus," continued the beloved and dying wife.

"Middling, Susan—middling!" responded the tearful and appreciating husband.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
THE SUBSCRIBER having at December Term, 1886, of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, held for the County of New Hanover, been granted letters of Administration upon the Estate of J. J. Marshall deceased; hereby gives notice to all persons indebted to said Estate, to make payment immediately; and to all persons having claims against the same to present them within the time prescribed by law, otherwise his notice will be taken as a final recovery.

NICHOLAS N. NIXON, Administrator.
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NOTICE.
PURSUANT to a deed of trust, made and executed by John F. Murrill to me, and for certain purposes therein contained, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at Jacksonville, at the Hotel recently occupied by the said John F. Murrill.